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DEPARTMENT PASS SECDEF, JCS AND AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AT YOUR DISCRETION

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, BEXP, SW

SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE SALE OF SWEDISH AIRCRAFT (VIGGEN)

REF: STATE 249541; NEW DELHI 14834

1. ON HIS INITIATIVE SUPREME COMMANDER OF SWEDISH DEFENSE FORCES GENERAL STIG SYNNERGREN CALLED ON ME NOVEMBER 10 TO ASCERTAIN REACTION OF US GOVERNMENT TO POSSIBLE SALE OF SWEDISH VIGGEN AIRCRAFT TO INDIA. REFERRING TO OUR CONVERSATION OF OCTOBER 2 (STOCKHOLM 5060), SYNNERGREN EMPHASIZED THAT HIS CALL CONCERNED ONLY INDIA (AND NOT CHINA).

2. SYNNERGREN SAID THAT HE WAS CHECKING ON OUR POSITION REGARDING INDIA AT THIS POINT BECAUSE IF IT WERE NEGATIVE, THE GOS WOULD NOT WISH TO PROCEED FURTHER. HE IMPLIED THAT THE GOS WOULD GIVE INDIA REASONS OTHER THAN OUR REFUSAL FOR TERMINATING PROCEEDINGS.

3. I REPLIED TO SYNNERGREN THAT, AS PROMISED, WE HAD SUBMITTED HIS EARLIER INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON AND THAT THE PRELIMINARY COMMENT WE HAD RECEIVED WAS NEITHER AFFIRMATIVE NOR NEGATIVE, REFLECTING AT LEAST IN PART THE FACT THAT THE ISSUES WERE STILL HYPOTHETICAL. I ASSURED HIM THAT IF A FORMAL AND SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS RECEIVED, I WOULD RECOMMEND TO MY

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GOVERNMENT THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE BE MADE WITHIN EXISTING

LAWS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

4. GENERAL SYNNERGREN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE INITIAL
US RESPONSE HAD NOT BEEN A NEGATIVE ONE.
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED.

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